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FOL REPEAT LAGOS 2822 ACTION SECSTATE INFO USIA NAIROBI
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QUOTE

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FOR AF/AF/W, AND SCS

E.O. 11652: N/A
TAGS: PFOR, CASC (DARNTON, JOHN)
SUBJECT: DEPORTATION OF NYT'S CORRESPONDENT

REF: LAGOS 2821

1. DARNTON WAS RELEASED ABOUT 2030 HOURS AND TOLD TO PACK AND REPORT
0800 HOURS MARCH 12 AT NATIONAL SECURITY OFFICE, BAGS IN HAND, READY
TO

LEAVE. FAMILY WILL ACCOMPANY. DARNTON HOPES TO ARRANGE PASSAGE ON PAN
AM
FLIGHT TO NAIROBI IF POSSIBLE. WE PLAN HAVE EMBOFF ACCOMPANY DARNTON
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TO AIRPORT. HE IS WELL AND IN GOOD SPIRITS UNDER CIRCUMSTANCES.

2; NO REASON GIVEN FOR DEPORTATION ORDER, BUT DURING HIS INTERRO-
GATION DARNTON WAS CRITICIZED FOR "NEGATIVE IMPRESSION" OF
NIGERIA GIVEN BY SOME OF HIS ARTICLES; AS NOTED REFTTEL, DARNTON
ALSO BELIEVES PRESENT ACTION WAS TRIGGERED BY HIS ATTENDANCE
AT MARCH 10 HEARING INTO FELA ANIKULAPO-KUTI INCIDENT. (LAGOS 2134).

3. CHARGE AND OTHER EMBOFFS HAVE ATTEMPTED CONTACT KEY FMG OFFICIALS TO PROTEST ACTION AND POINT OUT HOW SHORT SIGHTED AND COUNTER-PRODUCTIVE DARNTON DEPORTATION IS FROM POINT OF VIEW NIGERIA'S OWN INTERESTS, BUT OFFICIALS WERE EITHER OUT OF TOWN OR SIMPLY NOT AT HOME. GARBA NOT YET BACK IN COUNTRY AND M.D. YUSUFU IN ABEOKUTA. ATTEMPTS RAISE MEA PERMSEC SANUSI AND AMBASSADOR SANU UNSUCCESSFUL. EVEN IF WE WERE ABLE REACH HIGH-LEVEL FMG OFFICIALS WHO WERE WILLING MAKE ATTEMPT, NOT CERTAIN DECISION COULD BE REVERSED IN SHORT TIME LEFT TO US.

4. WE RECOGNIZE THAT THIS CANNOT HELP BUT DAMAGE IMPROVED RELATIONS BETWEEN NIGERIA AND U.S. WE INTEND TO POINT THIS OUT FORCEFULLY TO NIGERIAN OFFICIALS AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. DEPARTMENT MAY WANT TO CALL IN NIGERIAN CHARGE TO MAKE SAME POINT IN A SIMILAR DEMARCHE. CROSBY

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